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BOTH THE HOVSES OF

Parliament, after his retorne from

Scotland, upon passing the Bill for Tunnage

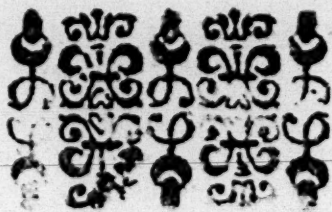
and Poundage, on Thursday the

2. of December.

Also, relating the present distempers of

England and Ireland.

Whereunto is annexed his Majesties Speech
in Parliament.



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MOST DREAD SOVERAIGNE,



He observation taken from the unlike Compositions, and various motions of the world, made the Philosopher conclude, *Tota hujus mundi concordia ex discordibus constat.*

The happy conjuncture of both these Nations in the Triumph and Ioy of your Sacred presence, extracted from the different and divided dispositions and opinions, gives us cause to observe & to admire these blessed effects from such contrary causes. Wee may without flattery commend your Sacred Majesty, the glorious Instrument of this happy change, whose piety and prudence, directed by the hand of God, hath contracted this union from these various discords.

The Story of these times will seeme paradoxes in following generations, when they shall heare of Peace sprung from the Root of dissention, of union planted upon the Stocke of divi-

divisions, two Armies in the Field both ready to strike the first blow, and both united without a stroke.

Nothing can reduce these truths into a beliefe, but the knowledge of your piety and Iustice, who hath accomplisht these acts of wonder, by goodnesse, and gentlenesse, without force and violence.

This way of conquest, this *bellum incruentum*, hath beene the Rule of the most valiant and puissant Monarchs, advancing your glory, in safeguard of one subject, more then in the death of a thousand enemies.

Thus have you erected a Monument of glory to your Sacred memory for all generations.

And as your care and piety for the welfare of your Northerne Kingdome called you to that worke for the great comfort of your people which your wisdome hath so happily consummated : So now the distemper of your other kingdome (Fomented by the same spirits, whose presence admits no peace in Israel) Calls on your providence to heale the diseases of that Nation.

The one from whence you returned, hath
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with *Abell* (though the elder brother) offered an acceptable Sacrifice; The other with *Cain* hath erected altars of bloud and revenge (the old Immolations of Iesuiticall priesthood) which invokes the necessitie of your Iustice.

The one to a naturall, hath added a politicke brotherhood.

The other of brothers (I am sorry to say it) are become strangers.

The fidelity of the one hath written a Story of admiration to the world.

The disloyalty of the other hath paralell'd that horrid Designe (matchlesse before amongst all generations) First in their intention, the destruction of a Kingdome, even then when Vnity and Peace was tying the knot of Religion and safety.

In the Discoverie a moment of time prevented the execution.

In the actors (Iesuits and Priests) without whom the malice of the Devill could not have found a party in the world fitted to act over the like bloudy tragedy.

But this amongst our many Ioyes we receive by your happy returne is not the least, nay the

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greatest, That that providence which protected that gracious King, your most religious Father, from that bloody Attempt, and increased the blessing of a long and happy Reigne, hath also defended your Sacred throne from all their Machinations.

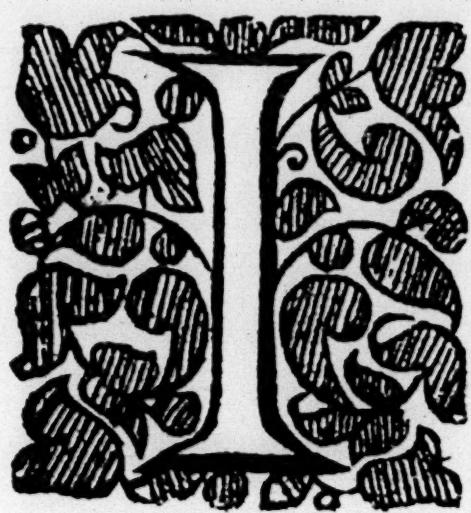
Thus we see Religion is the greatest policy, the never-failing support of King and kingdom, that which Firmes you and your posterity to your Throne, and our duty and obedience to it.

Give me leave here most gracious Sovereigne to summe up the sense of eleven Moneths observation without intermission (scarce) of a day, nay an houre in that day, to the hazard of life and fortune, and to reduce all into this Conclusion, the Endeavours of your Commons assembled, guided by your pious & religious example, is to preserve Religion in its purity without mixture or composition, against these subtile invaders; and with our lives and fortunes to establish these Thrones to your Sacred person, and those beames of Majestic, your Royall Progeny, against treason and rebellion.

The wayes that conduce to this end are the
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defence of the Land and Sea, for the one, wee have already voted to raise moneys; for the other, this Bill in some measure will accomplish for a little time, and to that end I (by the Command of the Commons) humbly beseech your Royall assent.

His Majesties SPEECH the 2. of *December.*



I Am to speake a word unto you, since I have beene so long absent from you; It is no way in answer to the Learned Speech of Master Speaker: But yet I shall touch one point of it concerning *Ireland*; But first I must tell you, though I have beene absent longer then indeed I did expect, or could have been expected by you, yet I stayed no longer in *Scotland* then the necessity of those affaires would absolutely permit, and indeed I have therein done so much good, that I will boldly affirme unto you, that I have left the people a most contented and happy Nation; So that if I did misreckon a little in time, I doe not misreckon in the end.

Now though I have deceived you a little of your expectation in point of time, I confesse you have deceived my expectation in finding of businesse here; for I had thought to have found things in quietnesse, and settled both for Religion and peace of this Kingdome,
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But I found distractions, such as I could not expect, In so much, as the Parliament was thought fit to be guarded, this I speake not any way to seeke out a fault, or to have any distrust of the hearty affections of my Subjects, but on the contrary when I came here (as you all see) I found the affection of my people unto me, to my great comfort.

Now I assure you, I come with the same affection that you or any good people of the world could wish, for I am so farre from disliking any thing that I have done hitherto, that if it were to doe againe (in the favour and good of my people) that I protest I would doe it againe.

And what soever may be justly expected of me for the securing of Religion and Liberty of my people, I shall not faile to doe it, and therefore I shall mention no particular at this time, but onely that great particular of *Ireland*, which Mr. Speaker did mention, of which I do not doubt, but you have had a great care, yet me thinks, things go on slowly; and I mention this more reasonably, because a couple of Noblemen are come out of *Scotland* according to the Petition and Instructions, which it pleased both Houses to send unto mee at *Barnwicke*, which I instantly dispatched to the Chancellor, who now have the disposing of all things. I spoke to them this morning, and I decreed both Houses to appoint a select Committee, and make an end of that businesse with them.

I have but this word more to say, that I assure you, I have no other end but the happinesse of my People, for their flourishing, is my greatest Glory, and their affection, my greatest strength.

FINIS.

